

shall pay the fine, costs, or other monetary penalty so deposited with him to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Wherever the words "County Commissioners" appear in these sections, they shall be taken to include the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City, and wherever the words "Circuit Court" appear in these sections, they shall be taken to include the Criminal Court of Baltimore City; WHEREVER THE WORDS "JUSTICE OF THE PEACE" SHALL APPEAR THEY SHALL INCLUDE "TRIAL MAGISTRATES".

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That Section 303 of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Motor Vehicles", sub-title "Operation of Vehicles Upon Highways", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

303. (Disposition of Fines and Other Receipts of the Department). (a) All fines, penalties, and forfeitures of bonds, or any kind of authorized security, imposed or collected under any of the provisions of this Article, *except funds collected in cases in which appeals have been taken within the time allowed by law*, shall be paid over on the second and fourth Mondays of each month after receipt thereof to the Department with a statement accompanying the same, setting forth the action or proceedings in which such monies were collected, the name and residence of the defendant, the nature of the offense and the fine, penalty, forfeiture or sentence, if any, imposed.

[(b) This section shall not be considered as repealed by the passage hereafter of any law providing for a different disposition of the fines and penalties in any county or other municipal division of this State unless the same contains a repeal of this section by express references thereto.]

(b) [(c)] The Department is hereby empowered in the name of the State of Maryland to take all steps necessary to enforce the collection and prompt return of all such fines, penalties and forfeitures of bonds.

(c) [(d)] Any Justice of the Peace, Committing Magistrate, Trial Magistrate or Police Justice accepting checks, drafts or any other unsecured evidences of debt in payment of fines, or in lieu of bail, shall do so at his own risk, provided that nothing herein shall be taken to prohibit the release of offenders on their own recognizance in proper cases.